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Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
400 Seventh Street SW  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Associate Administrator:

Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573, Monaco Coach Corporation ("Monaco" or the "Company") is submitting this report to NHTSA concerning a safety recall campaign, which is being voluntarily initiated. Specific information is as follows:

573.5(c)(2) Identification of Class A Motorhomes in Campaign

**Monaco Knight**

Model Year 2002 - 145  
2003 - 168

**Monaco Cayman**

Model Year 2002 - 100  
2003 - 187  
2004 - 283  
2005 - 162

**Holiday Rambler Ambassador**

Model Year 2002 - 78  
2003 - 170

**Holiday Rambler Neptune**

Model Year 2002 - 110  
2003 - 162  
2004 - 284  
2005 - 172

**Safari Cheetah**

Model Year 2003 - 160  
2004 - 177

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**Safari Sahara**

Model Year 2002 - 68

2003 - 64

2004 - 86

**Safari Zanzibar**

Model Year 2002 - 1

2003 - 100

2004 - 52

The recall population was determined from the manufacturing records for the Company's manufacturing facility in Coburg, Oregon which produced the affected Motorhomes. All floor plans are affected. The affected units were manufactured November 30, 2001 through October 1, 2004.

**573.5(c)(3)**

A total of Two thousand nine hundred forty-seven (2947) Class A Motorhomes are in the recall population. Specific Monaco, Holiday Rambler, and Safari Serial Number and VIN break points are as follows:

**2002 Monaco Knight** with serial number of 021719043083200-702161 and 021719043283200-703103, a VIN of 1RF31345X21018156 through 1RF51326X21021417

**2003 Monaco Knight** with serial number of 031719043683301-702987 and 031719043683301-704897, a VIN of 1RF62345031021109 through 1RF62445X31026503

**2002 Monaco Cayman** with serial number of 021719073683200-702160 and 021719073683200-703113, a VIN of 1RF31346721018155 through 1RF51346421021460

**2003 Monaco Cayman** with serial number of 031719073083200-703059 and 031719073683200-704924, a VIN of 1RF51346231021264 through 1RF51346631026628

**2004 Monaco Cayman** with serial number of 041719073683206-704793 and 041719073283200-707051, a VIN of 1RF51346141026179 through 1RF51326441032044

**2005 Monaco Cayman** with serial number of 051719073683206-706424 and 051719073683400-708258, a VIN of 1RF51346X51030877 through 1RF51344951034045

**2002 Holiday Rambler Ambassador** with serial number of 021719053883300-702211 and 021719053883300-702855, a VIN of 1RF32365021018256 through 1RF52365921021620

**2003 Holiday Rambler Ambassador** with serial number of 031719053683301-702935 and 031719053683200-704894, a VIN of 1RF62345731021012 through 1RF62445431026500

**2002 Holiday Rambler Neptune** with serial number of 021719083683200-702308 and 0217190832832000-703117, a VIN of 1RF31346221018659 through 1RF51326221021461

**2003 Holiday Rambler Neptune** with serial number of 031719083483206-703026 and 031719083483206-704922, a VIN of 1RF51336331021226 through 1RF51336031026626

**2004 Holiday Rambler Neptune** with serial number of 041719083483206-704880 and 041719083643300-707049, a VIN of 1RF51336741026494 through 1RF52346041031970

**2005 Holiday Rambler Neptune** with serial number of 051719083483206-706570 and 051719073683400-708263, a VIN of 1RF51336551031047 through 1RF51344151034038

**2003 Safari Cheetah** with serial number of 031719763448201-702358 and 031719763748201-704338, a VIN of 1RFB5446033018817 through 1RFB5445133024892

**2004 Safari Cheetah** with serial number of 041719764083300-704441 and 041719763683206-706202, a VIN of 1RF65464X41025252 through 1RF65444141030309

**2005 Safari Cheetah** with serial number of 051719763883400-706054 and 051719764023300-708253, a VIN of 1RF55464X51029878 through 1RF55464951034165

**2002 Safari Sahara** with serial number of 021719993978201-702179 and 021719993758301-702998, a VIN of 1RFB2465923018245 through 1RFB2455323021157

**2003 Safari Sahara** with serial number of 031719993788301-702927 and 031719993678201-704306, a VIN of 1RFB2454333021006 through 1RFB2444033024785

**2004 Safari Sahara** with serial number of 041719994083300-703980 and 041719994073201-706457, a VIN of 1RF62464641023863 through 1RF62464541030769

**2002 Safari Zanzibar** with serial number of 021719773538201-702291 and 021719773538201-702291, a VIN of 1RFB3444123018683 through 1RFB3444123018683

**2003 Safari Zanzibar** with serial number of 031719773288201-702286 and 031719773888302-704160, a VIN of 1RFB3424423018681 through 1RFB3464233024300

**2004 Safari Zanzibar** with serial number of 041719774083300-704076 and 041719773673200-704971, a VIN of 1RF63464741024145 through 1RF63444941026837

**573.5(c)4**

Monaco has determined that all of the Motorhomes in this recall population need to have the repair made.

**573.5(c) 5**

During the inspection in February 2005 it was noted the spacer plate under the trailing arms had a transverse weld which created a heat riser and cause the trailing arms to crack. This error could potentially create rough driving condition and damage to rear suspension system.

**573.5(c) 6**

Monaco is currently not aware of any casualties or losses related to this issue

**573.5(c)8**

The remedy for the units will be to replace the trailing arms and the u-bolts in the rear suspension of the subject Motorhomes.


All affected motorhomes in Monaco's inventory have been corrected.

Copies of the owner and dealer notification letters and the repair instructions are forthcoming for your pre-approval. The Company is prepared to begin Dealer and Owner notification in June 2005.

Please acknowledge receipt of this defect information report and provide the recall number that will be assigned by NHTSA to this campaign.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Walter Lewis".

Walter Lewis  
Recall Administrator  
Monaco Coach Corporation